

many of them settled in Little Saigon in Orange County. In the nearly 5 decades since then, Orange County has transformed because of the resilience and hope of the Vietnamese community. I am proud to cosponsor a House Resolution in remembrance of the sacrifices of the brave Vietnamese people who were forced to flee their homeland and to commemorate the Fall of Saigon.

As we begin AAPI Heritage Month, I am also proud to introduce a House Resolution recognizing the accomplishments and contributions of over 2 million Vietnamese Americans. The United States is home to the largest number of individuals of Vietnamese descent outside of Vietnam, and I join in representing the largest Vietnamese communities in the nation in Orange County, California.

Today, Vietnamese Americans contribute to American society through their work in business, education, science and technology, engineering, mathematics, literature and the arts, gastronomy, the armed forces, and public service at every level of government.

Vietnamese Americans add to the rich cultural and religious diversity of our nation. As a member of the Congressional Vietnam Caucus, it is critical that we continue to represent and celebrate our Vietnamese families, friends, and neighbors, and recognize their significant contributions to American society.

Today, we remember the sacrifices that Vietnamese immigrants made, and we celebrate their contributions and achievements to our great Nation.

IN RECOGNITION OF NATIONAL  
INFERTILITY AWARENESS WEEK

**HON. VERONICA ESCOBAR**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, April 28, 2022*

Ms. ESCOBAR. Madam Speaker, I rise today to commemorate National Infertility Awareness Week to salute the parents, doctors, researchers, and others for the extraordinary progress made over the last four decades to help individuals have families who without this progress could not. National Infertility Awareness Week, founded in 1989 by RESOLVE: The National Infertility Association is the largest public awareness campaign that addresses the public health issue of infertility.

Most Americans are not aware that one in eight, or nearly 7.4 million Americans are impacted by the disease of Infertility. The disease affects both men and women and it knows no barriers—it affects individuals of all races, religious backgrounds, and economic statuses.

Since 1978, as a result of extraordinary medical advancements, millions of couples have been able to receive life-affirming treatments to become pregnant. While for most of us having a child is taken for granted it is a painful and devastating struggle for millions of couples throughout the world.

Research scientists have been making significant advancement of Infertility treatments including a procedure that allows young cancer patients to preserve their fertility prior to undergoing lifesaving chemotherapy treatments are incredible. Organizations like RESOLVE, the Military Family Building Coalition, the National Infertility Association, and the Alli-

ance for Fertility Preservation advocate for the millions of individuals and couples in this country who need help to have a family. Ms. Barb Collura, the CEO of RESOLVE, has testified before Congress in support of fertility services for the countless military veterans whose service-related injuries have rendered them infertile. There are also others such as Joyce Reinecke, Executive Director of Alliance for Fertility Preservation and cancer survivor, who has lent her voice on the importance of affordable fertility preservation options for individuals undergoing cancer treatment. As a matter of fact, in the absence of coverage, charitable organizations providing valuable, life-changing, financial assistance the option of having children after surviving cancer might not otherwise be available.

Congress can do more to remove many of the barriers that currently exist for those who experience infertility challenges but want to have a child. And I applaud my colleagues including Congresswoman WASSERMAN SCHULTZ, Congresswoman BROWNLEY, Congresswoman DELAURO, Congresswoman STRICKLAND, and Congressman RICK LARSEN for introducing legislation devoted to eliminating obstacles to building families. I also salute the millions of infertility warriors throughout the country and the world, who advocate on behalf of that most precious of gifts, that of family.

IN SPECIAL RECOGNITION OF  
LUKAS KOENIGER ON HIS OFFER  
OF APPOINTMENT TO ATTEND  
THE UNITED STATES AIR FORCE  
ACADEMY

**HON. ROBERT E. LATTA**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, April 28, 2022*

Mr. LATTA. Madam Speaker, it is my great pleasure to pay special tribute to an outstanding student from Ohio's Fifth Congressional District. I am pleased to announce that Lukas Koeniger of Waterville, Ohio, has been offered an appointment to the United States Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs, Colorado.

Lukas' offer of appointment permits him to attend the United States Air Force Academy this fall with the incoming Class of 2026. Attending one of our nation's military academies not only offers the opportunity to serve our country, but also guarantees a world-class education while undertaking one of the most challenging and rewarding experiences of their lives.

Lukas brings a tremendous amount of leadership, service, and dedication to the incoming Class of 2026. While attending Anthony Wayne High School in Whitehouse, Ohio, Lukas participated in marching band, cross country, and track and field, where he earned a varsity letter. After graduating from Anthony Wayne High School in 2021, Lukas attended the University of Toledo in Toledo, Ohio.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating Lukas Koeniger on his offer of appointment to the United States Air Force Academy. Our service academies offer the finest military training and education available. I am positive that Lukas will excel during his career at the Air Force Academy, and I

ask my colleagues to join me in extending their best wishes to him as he begins his service to our Nation.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. ANNA G. ESHOO**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, April 28, 2022*

Ms. ESHOO. Madam Speaker, I was unable to be present during Roll Call vote number 131. Had I been present, on Roll Call vote number 131, I would have voted YES.

IN RECOGNITION OF GARDNERS  
CANDIES INCORPORATED

**HON. JOHN JOYCE**

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, April 28, 2022*

Mr. JOYCE of Pennsylvania. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Gardners Candies, a staple of the Central Pennsylvania community, on celebrating one hundred and twenty-five years of operation.

Founded in 1897 by James "Pike" Gardner in Tyrone, Pennsylvania, Gardners Candies began operations in a small store along with a wagon that allowed "Pike" to sell candy throughout the region.

For over a century, Gardners has produced gourmet chocolate including their famous, "Original Peanut Butter Meltaway."

In 2021, Benzel's Pretzels and Gardners Candies entered into an agreement to bring together these iconic brands in the production of Gardners' chocolate covered pretzels.

I'm proud of the family sustaining jobs created by the candy making companies in our community. From producing classic treats to creating quality jobs, Pennsylvania is known the world over for its candies and confectioners, and I am proud to have some of the world's finest right here in our community.

On behalf of Pennsylvania's 13th Congressional District, I congratulate Gardners Candies on this milestone and wish them every continued success.

INTRODUCTION OF A RESOLUTION  
TO SUPPORT THE DESIGNATION  
OF MAY 7 AS BRAIN DONATION  
AWARENESS DAY

**HON. EARL BLUMENAUER**

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, April 28, 2022*

Mr. BLUMENAUER. Madam Speaker, today I am pleased to introduce a resolution to support designating May 7 as Brain Donation Awareness Day.

Today, brain disorder and diseases have a tremendous impact on individual patients and their families as well as the United States health care system. Approximately 100 million Americans are living with a brain disorder and an additional 1.2 million are diagnosed with adult-onset brain diseases or disorders every year. Brain diseases and disorders cost the